

## NO MORE FOR LUNCH AS NAVY BOARD MET

Dr. L. H. Backland of Yonkers Tells How Discussions Were Conducted.

### TALKS BEFORE CHEMISTS

Details of the discussions and arguments advanced by the members of Secretary Daniels' Naval Consulting Board at the meeting held last night at Washington in early October were made public for the first time last night by Dr. L. H. Backland of Yonkers, a research chemist and member of the board, in a paper entitled "The Naval Consulting Board of the United States," which Dr. Backland read at a joint meeting of the American Chemical Society, the New York section of the Society of Chemical Industry and the American Electrochemical Society at Rumford Hall, 50 East Forty-first street.

"Let us hope," said Dr. Backland, who in his paper expressed regret that the objects and duties of the board seem to be so generally misunderstood by the public, "that the publication of this brief resume of various arguments which were submitted may help to dispel some of the ideas of the public, which imagine that the board contemplates the immediate erection of a \$5,000,000 laboratory building where the members of the Naval Consulting Board can experiment to their hearts' content with company with long-haired inventors."

When the consulting board met at Washington during the first week in October, Dr. Backland instead of finding an assemblage of "long-haired inventors" bent upon prolonged experimentation saw instead, he said, a body of experts who impressed one more as alert American business men of the "do it now" type than dreamers.

"So little time was given to formalities," said Dr. Backland, "that the first day of the Washington meeting, that even a regular lunch was dispensed with, beyond the distribution of a few sandwiches, while discussing various matters."

A visit to the Indian Head Proving Ground to obtain first hand information about ordnance and ammunition was made immediately, said the speaker, with a night meeting the same day back in Washington, only a few minutes for a hasty dinner and the members permitted before the night meeting. The members not only receive no salary but pay their own travelling and hotel expenses and pay for even the stationery used.

"To any one who is acquainted with all the peace and overbearing attitude of European military caste," Dr. Backland said in the course of a tribute to the departmental heads of the navy with whom the board members came into contact during the week, "it is not surprising that this nation might bear the incubus of militarism, direct acquaintance with men like these would soon dispel the incubus."

One matter dwelt upon at the meetings was "that there was little use in spending so many millions in flying machines so long as the navy was concerned with the reliability of their engines, and until an absolutely well tried and standardized engine had been developed."

"Another matter brought up was the fact," Dr. Backland continued, "that even conservative industrial concerns found it necessary and profitable to spend at least \$100,000 a year on research and development of new machinery."

### VILLA DRIVEN FROM SONORA

His Troops, After Severe Battle, Retreat to Chihuahua.

DOUGLAS, ARIZ., Dec. 10.—Gen. Rodriguez, his forces half killed, wounded or captured, is retreating toward Chihuahua after fighting two days with the Carranza army at Fronteras, south of here. The Carranzistas assert that they killed several hundred after trapping the Villa forces.

The Carranza forces also suffered severely, as indicated by the many wounded brought here to-night in box cars on special trains.

The retreat of the Rodriguez forces into Chihuahua virtually clears the State of Sonora of all Villa soldiers.

Gen. Rodriguez, who was reported to have moved into Chihuahua at once to cooperate with troops coming from Tlaxcala to attack the Villistas.

Exhausted and with his shoes nearly worn out, John W. Cunningham, an attorney of Tulsa, Okla., who escaped from Fronteras when the town was occupied by the Carranza army, is today walking along the railroad tracks toward Douglas by an auto searching for a job.

G. H. Southard of Douglas and other Americans who fled from the Mexican town last Tuesday are being sought.

### COLD, WITH SNOW ON WAY.

Storm Predicted to Reach City To-night or To-morrow.

This will be the coldest day of the winter, with a heavy snow, and the weather sharp, and the strong indications at midnight were that they had opened the right door box.

The temperature, the prophets said, will be 20 below zero up this day. It was cold all day yesterday and there was a northwesterly blast varying in force from thirty to sixty miles.

There is a probability of a real December snowstorm appearing hereabout late to-night or to-morrow. The temperature, according to prophecy, will fall by ten on Sunday and the snow may turn into rain. Clouds may obscure the sky today, preliminary to the coming of the snow. That, at least, is the prediction.

Supt. William Whitting of the Municipal Lodging House pointed out last night that there were only 418 men, 46 women and 12 children in the lodging house, while at the same time there were more than 1,000 there. He said munitions factories are giving employment to many who were out of jobs last year, and that employment in the public parks might be permitted to-day.

"Mayor of Manhattan Terrace" to Wed.

Henry J. Lench, 70 years old, of 1617 Avenue J, Brooklyn, known as the "Mayor of Manhattan Terrace," who has been married for 45 years, is looking for a new wife for several years.

## HOPEWELL LAYS PLANS FOR NEW CITY OF BRICK

Armed Residents Guard Belongings, but Quiet Follows Disaster—U. S. Agents Start Inquiry—Du Ponts Will Aid in Work of Rebuilding.

HOPEWELL, Va., Dec. 10.—Quiet has been restored here after the disastrous fire of yesterday and last night, in which the entire town, with the exception of the du Pont explosives plant, was swept off the map.

Local guards, a battalion of State militia and all the men of the du Pont company could impress into service have ended the wild scenes which were enacted during and immediately after the fire. Citizens spent the day beside the ruins of their homes with rifles across their knees.

This afternoon plans were started to rebuild the packing case houses, which have been yielding fabulous rents since the town began to boom. It is announced that the du Ponts will render aid in this undertaking.

Few of the destroyed 400 buildings were insured and the net loss is conservatively placed at \$1,500,000. One man, M. A. Finn, who had put up a two-story brick office building, which cost \$2,000 and was bringing in \$1,000 a month rent, not only insured the building but the rental as well. His case is unique.

"To-day the town is as bare of buildings as a hen's teeth," said a few months ago when Hopewell was built. The plans under way provide for a better class of structures than those which were burned.

Chief Blaisdell of the Department of Justice bureau of investigation has sent the bureau's Norfolk agent to Hopewell. He will investigate the cause of the fire there yesterday. A report is not expected until several days, as the agent has been instructed to make a thorough investigation.

It is doubted that any grounds for prosecution will be found. In view of the lack of success in investigating previous damage to munition factories thought to have been caused by German agents.

Richmond, Va., Dec. 10.—Gov. Stuart has sent agents to investigate the Hopewell fire and to decide upon relief measures to be taken in the wake of the disaster. The city council took up the subject to-day and the Richmond Chamber of Commerce met the many new plan paper relief funds have been organized.

Food, clothing and beds will be rushed to the stricken town. Norfolk and Petersburg also are organizing similar relief measures.

Petersburg, Va., Dec. 10.—Hopewell citizens held a meeting to-day and voted to replace with brick buildings those burned yesterday. The du Pont plant is expected to be usual.

There have been no developments in regard to the man arrested Wednesday with nitroglycerine in his possession. The du Pont plant confirms the report but officials of the company refuse to discuss the case.

Petersburg has appropriated \$7,500 for relief and the Mayor has been authorized to spend as much more as may be needed. The Chamber of Commerce here and the Retail Merchants Association have raised \$2,000. Local churches have been opened to refugees for sleeping quarters.

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## DEMOCRATS TO TAKE A WAR TAX PLEDGE

At Caucus on Monday Leaders Will Bind Party, Fearing a Break.

### MANY OPPOSE THE LEVY TO MEET NEXT TUESDAY

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## WILSON SEES TRIUMPH

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"We have got to save society, so far as it is saved by the instrumentality of Christianity in this world. It is a job, therefore, we have got to undertake immediately and work out at the time, and it is the business of the Christian Legislature cannot save society. Legislation cannot even rectify society. A law that will work is merely the summing up in legislative form of the judgment that the community has already reached."

The Meaning of the Law.

"Law records how far society has got, and there have got to be instrumentalities preceding a law that get society up to that point where it will be ready to record. Try the experiment of enacting a law that is the moral judgment of a very small minority of the community and it won't work. Most people won't understand it, and if they understand it they will resent it, but whether they understand it or not, they won't obey it."

During the afternoon the President held a reception at the State Capitol and shook hands with 7,000 Oholans. He closed his eighteen hour visit in Columbus by taking the train for Washington just before midnight.

KILLS 2, FEARING TO LOSE \$44.

Harder Ends Own Life After Trying to Find Two Other Victims.

PORT CHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Crawford apparently became so obsessed with the idea of killing two other victims, that he shot himself.

Max Clark and Philip Ticker were the men he killed. Clark and Ticker were the men he killed. Clark and Ticker were the men he killed.

Pelinsky then ran through the streets asking where he could find two other men. Then he went home and shot himself.

Meanwhile the police, having been summoned to Ticker's shop, started after Pelinsky and traced him toward his home. Two of the men, running through the streets, were shot.

Mrs. Pelinsky running from him in fright and panic. She collapsed as she told them her husband had just shot himself. The police found him dead.

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THOMPSON-STARRETT COMPANY Building Construction.

A. W. EAGER DIED INSOLVENT.

Martha Washington Hotel Manager. Owed \$40,000 and Had \$10,000.

An appraisal filed yesterday of the estate of Arthur W. Eager, who conducted the Martha Washington Hotel, and died August 11, 1913, shows that he had assets of only \$10,815, he had debts of \$40,317 in addition to the indebtedness of \$116,646 which he owed the Northern Hotel Company, the position in the report named the Martha Washington Hotel was conducted.

The report shows that Mr. Eager owned many stocks, all of which were worthless. The report also shows that he had a number of notes and bonds. One of the notes was for \$15,000 and was made by Richard Le Gallienne, the president of the Northern Hotel Company. It was for that reason a resident of France and for that reason is beyond the jurisdiction of the New York courts.

Mr. Eager also held \$23,000 of notes made by Omega Poster, which were executed while they were conducted by the Westminster Hotel. Poster has left the State and has no property. The report shows that while Mr. Eager had insurance policies aggregating \$60,000, they were pledged for loans from insurance companies from banks and money lenders. He had an equity of only \$10,815. This amount was used in paying the debts of the hotel.

Mr. Eager owned the brokerage firm of Mead, Bank, \$113,315, and the securities deposited in the name of the Northern Hotel Company. Among them were \$14,000 bonds of the Cuba Hardware Lumber Company, \$140 shares of Northern Hotel Company, \$500 California Fruit Exploration Company, 1,000 Trout Creek Copper Company and 98 Northern Hotel Company.

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